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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 6, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please add the following as the first line of the specification:

B¹ This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of international application PCT/FR99/01871, file July 29, 1999.

Please add the following as the abstract of the invention:

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

B² contd. The invention concerns a purified recombinant glycoprotein having the following properties: a) an adherence capacity to CD4; b) an affinity with a anti-gp120 antibody capable of neutralizing in vitro HIV cell infection; c) an affinity with an anti-gp41 antibody; d) a trimeric form free from inter-chain disulphide bonds. The invention also concerns a vaccine comprising said purified glycoprotein and an adjuvant. The invention further concerns a method for obtaining said glycoprotein, which consists in expressing, by means of genetic recombining techniques, a glycoprotein corresponding to the properties a), b) and c)

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